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Professor Elliott E. Cheatham
Director, Special Committee on the
Federal Loyalty-Security Program
42 West 44th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Professor Cheatham:

I am glad you found some interest in those papers, although they are, of course, in no sense definitive and are merely examples of some of the individual thinking we have gone through over the years.

I had a most interesting evening with you and the Director told me yesterday that he too had enjoyed it very much. Obviously, it would have taken too long to have gone through all the parts in my outline, but I would be only too glad to take up any or all of them with you at any time. While the board problem is a very important one, I cannot emphasize too much my belief that the role of the Security Office is one of the main keys to the problem and unless that office makes a thorough, balanced, and highly sophisticated preparation, the later steps cannot be brought into focus. Our own Security Office has made great progress in this regard and is constantly seeking ways it can improve in this respect.

As to Regulation that is one which is intended for public perusal and may be referred to. However, I believe you understand that that regulation had to conform with the procedures and drafting generally of the Department of Justice and is not precisely in accord with some of our thoughts on the subject.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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October 26, 1955

Lawrence R. Houston, Esq.
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Houston:

Today I read with deep interest and benefit the papers you so thoughtfully gave me last evening. They are most helpful in giving not only an understanding of your own program but of problems basic to the whole of the loyalty-security system. The proposed regulation is an unusually interesting effort to maintain the needed secrecy and at the same time to give the employee all practicable information. The discussion last night and your comments have confirmed my belief that the particular method of selecting hearing board members under Executive Order 10450 is unfortunate. It does not secure members who are independent and who will not be fearful of the practical consequences on them and their positions. Nor does it provide any useful kind of expertness, since the members are not experienced in handling such cases nor are they conversant with the problems of the particular agency involved.

The comments on the defects in the espionage laws dealt with a matter which we have not so far considered. Perhaps our Committee will be led at least to point out the relation of criminal sanctions and the practicability of their uses, with the personnel security programs.

Your Notes for Discussion gave me a good idea of the matters you would have discussed with the Committee if time had permitted. They make me regret all the more that you felt you could not deal with them last night. I shall hope to discuss some of them with you later.

Is the Regulation No. on Personnel one which we may refer to? Or is it to be kept in confidence?

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With appreciation of your aid and kindness,

Sincerely yours,

Elliott E. Cheatham.

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October 18, 1955

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

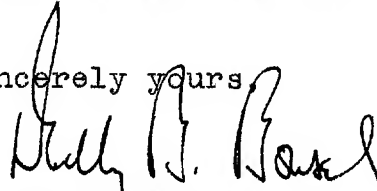
Dear Mr. Dulles:

We are looking forward with great pleasure to meeting with you and Mr. Houston at six o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, October 25th. We will meet in the Century Club, 7 West 43rd Street, instead of the House of the Association of the Bar.

In your agency security is so important that we shall be especially desirous of having your views and comments on the security system.

Do you wish us to make a hotel reservation for you? If so, we will make it at the Waldorf. In that way the bill will be sent to us and you will be spared the trouble of including that item in the expense account you send us.

Sincerely yours,


Dudley B. Bonsal

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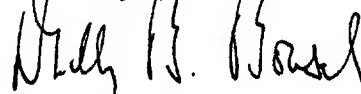
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I remember with special pleasure the most helpful information you gave to Professor Cheatham and me at lunch during the summer. I am desirous that all the members of our Committee shall have the benefit of your comments and views on security, in the light of the most sensitive character of the work of your agency.

Do you wish us to make a hotel reservation for you? If so, we will make it at the Waldorf. In that way the bill will be sent to us and you will be spared the trouble of including that item in the expense account you send us.

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Mr. Dudley B. Bussell
42 West 44th Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bussell:

Thank you for your letter of September 21st referring to our telephone conversation in London and the letter you previously sent me inviting me to join your Committee on October 25.

Your previous letter was brought to my attention upon my return from Europe and I have told Larry Houston that I will be very happy to meet with your group at the dinner planned for the evening of October 27th. I shall be looking forward to seeing you again at that time.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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September 21, 1955

Hon. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It was nice to talk with you briefly on the telephone in London, and I hope the boat trip turned out as well as you expected it would.

Upon your return, you will doubtless have received my letter inviting you to join with our Committee on the evening of October 25th. I do hope this will be agreeable to you, and look forward very much to seeing you at that time.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

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